

# Bloomfield Record.

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## Public Economy.

The Newark Advertiser of Wednesday contains an article on the printing abuses at Trenton in which it appears that nearly a hundred thousand dollars was spent last year for State printing. Also, that the prices paid by the State are greatly in excess of customary business rates, together with various other irregularities. We know that at the recent annual meeting of the State Editorial Association, strong ground was taken against this same matter, which is growing to be an affair of such enormous dimensions.

That there is an urgent necessity for reform in this direction will be conceded by all fair-minded citizens. And especially when the standard journalism of the State, irrespective of party, takes such decided action it must be apparent that the voice of public opinion should be heard. Economy is no less a public virtue than a private maxim, and we are willing to cast in our mite of influence to the general contribution.

Where the newspaper above alluded to leaves off, another chapter might be begun, touching upon the law regulating the official insertion of public acts in the newspapers of the State. This law provides that a weekly paper having been published a year becomes qualified to print the yearly enacted State laws. In view of the horde of new papers coming rapidly into existence, fostered by "patent outsiders," a cute invention of the universal Yankee, it is easy to see that the laws are in danger of being vastly over-published. We have in mind a newspaper which was started in this country about a year ago, on the "outside plan," that wasn't even content to await the probation of a year's existence. Its publishers secured a "special act" of the last Legislature in order that they might, in a paper which had existed but four months, officially insert the laws and at the same time insert their rye-straw into the public eye. It behooves the Legislature to look thoroughly into this matter, and so regulate the publishing of these laws as shall promote economy as well as the true interests of journalism in the State.

## Are we to Have a Public Library?

Elsewhere we give our readers a little idea of what the East Orange Library Association is doing. It has been organized only six months, but the organization must have been a good one to have accomplished definite results so soon.

Montclair has also a Library which is in successful operation, daily expanding and developing in usefulness and popularity.

And what shall be said of the Bloomfield Library Association, which was organized and incorporated some two years ago? Its members comprise some of our most public spirited citizens. They have gone so far as to purchase a site and procure plans for an elegant and costly building, which brings matters far along as last October. Since then we have heard very little about it. What does the Association propose to do? Will an effort be made in the Spring to commence the new building, the elaborate plans of which have been on exhibition at Mr. Piersons Real Estate Parlor during the winter? These are questions which may very pertinently be asked, not only by subscribers to the capital stock, but by the people generally. We are all interested in the Bloomfield Library, particularly as it is to this Association we look to provide the town with a suitable hall in which concerts, lectures, and kindred entertainments can be held. This public hall is the pressing need of our town.

## Congress.

The Congressional news during the past week has not been of stirring interest or importance. The Senate has discussed the currency question, at considerable length, and the resumptionists seem to have the best of the argument. A strong protest against inflation has gone out from New York, signed by the most prominent merchants and bankers of the city. The petition will no doubt have weight and influence in Congress.

The President declines to take an active part in the responsibility of the Louisiana complications. Senator Carpenter is set down for a speech on the Louisiana question to-day, in which, according to Tribune correspondence, "he will demonstrate that no state of affairs has ever existed in Louisiana which gave the President authority under the law to intervene in favor of the Kellogg usurpation. If he does this he will convict the President of a crime by the side of which any that Andrew Johnson was accused of sink into insignificance."

The corner-stone of the new Tribune building was laid on Saturday by Miss Ida Greeley. An address was delivered by Geo. Ripley, the President of the Tribune Association. Within the corner-stone was deposited a bronze box containing sundry documents and records and several of the current publications of the day. After the ceremony a collation was partaken of by the members of the Tribune Association. The new building is to be the finest newspaper office in the world.

The death of Dr. Livingstone is said to have occurred after he had been wading four days through water, he having been travelling over a partially submerged country.

## The Envelope System.

An adjourned parish meeting of the First Presbyterian church in this place was held on Tuesday evening, which, in its action, was important as marking a new departure in the financial management of the Society. On the previous evening, the pews had been rented according to the custom in use heretofore. Later in the evening, a long conference of the board of trustees took place when it was decided to lay before the congregation a radically different method of raising the money needed to maintain the church.

This plan having been matured it was submitted to the parish meeting of Tuesday evening, and was read by Mr. J. F. Folsom. It recinds entirely the old annuity system, adopted at a previous meeting, and leaves the entire seating of the church free from any stipulated price or assessment of any kind by the trustees. One of its clauses proposed that members should occupy the seats selected on Monday evening, or in case none had yet been taken, those held during the past year.

It is left entirely with each person to determine what amount he shall pay for the support of the church. These are the chief features of the plan, and the details refer to the method of carrying out the system. Envelopes bearing the numbers of the pews are to be placed in them at the beginning of each month, and the installment or proportion of the yearly offering for that particular month is to be put in the envelope by the pew holder and deposited in a box conveniently located near the entrance. The treasurer of the board of trustees takes charge of the offerings and opens an account with each pew or part of a pew, and returns to the occupants, each month, a receipt for the amount offered.

This plan was received with favor by the congregation, as represented by the parish meeting, and after a full discussion in order to understand it thoroughly, it was unanimously adopted. It will go into effect at once.

The meeting also passed a resolution authorizing a conveyance of the parsonage property for a sum not less than \$20,000.

## Ladies' Relief Association of Bloomfield.

According to a notice in THE RECORD of last week, the ladies of Bloomfield held a meeting in the parlors of Westminster Church, Monday P. M. The various congregations of the place were represented, delegates being present from each denomination.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dr. Kennedy. A series of resolutions were read, after the discussion of which, they were adopted by the ladies as the Constitution of the Society.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

President, Mrs. Jas. A. Hedden, M. E. Church; 1st Vice President, Mrs. D. B. Coe, 1st Presbyterian; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Garabrant, Baptist; Secretary, Mrs. R. N. Dodd, Episcopal; Treasurer, Miss Annie L. Ward, Westminster, Presbyterian. Fifteen managers were appointed, the ladies from each church selecting three to represent their several congregations.

The object of this Society is to search out the worthiness or the non-worthiness of such applicants as may solicit aid; and to withhold or dispense contributions of such money, clothing and food as may be required to relieve the suffering, who are unable to help themselves, either from sickness or other causes.

A meeting of the officers and managers of the Society is called at 3 o'clock P. M., of Friday, the 30th inst., at the house of Mrs. D. B. Coe.

## The Cemetery Sensation.

Bloomfield has got into the sensational papers abroad through the nervousness and indiscretion of the friends of a man who recently died in Caldwell and whose remains were deposited in the receiving vault of the Bloomfield Cemetery. It was imagined that the corpse gave evidence of suspended animation, and it was kept under a ridiculous semi-surveillance until decomposition gave evidence that resurrection was an impossibility. A Newark journalist, probably having heard the school children's stories, came up on Monday and "interviewed" first a popular hotel keeper and then the cemetery keeper, and the result was the making of a very large article on this Bloomfield horror out of very small material.

## The Humboldt Insurance Company.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors the following gentlemen were re-elected, viz.: George Brown, president, Edmund W. McClave, vice president, Elmer F. Higgins, secretary, and James A. Hedden, treasurer. A very flattering condition of their affairs was shown by the annual statement read by the secretary. The company had on the first day of January a paid up cash capital of \$200,000, and a gross surplus of \$111,111.76. Total assets being \$311,111.76. A semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock and a rebate of fifty per cent. on mutual policies from the earnings was ordered to be paid, the first on the 2nd day of February, and the last on the renewal of the policies.

A London dispatch dated Monday, from Zanzibar, states that advices have been received from the exploring party accompanying Dr. Livingstone in the interior of Africa announcing the death of the great explorer. Dr. Livingstone died at the encampment of the expedition, near Unyamwezi, after a short attack of dysentery.

## Town Committee Proceedings.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23D.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. Moreland, \$20.00, poor account. W. J. Macdon, 28.30, poor account. J. B. Reford, 12.00, contingent fund. W. Parsons, 18.00, road account.

An account of W. B. Corby, amounting to \$41.78, was referred to the Committee on Poor for examination.

It was ordered to pay the Montclair Gas and Water Company \$2,500 on account for lamps and gas.

Adjourned to Feb. 6th.

## To Delinquent Tax Payers.

I hereby give notice to the delinquent taxpayers of the township of Bloomfield, that I shall be in attendance at the Town Committee Room, on Broad street, over Madison's Market, on Friday and Saturday of this week, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, from 6 to 9 P. M., to afford a final opportunity for the payment of taxes. After Wednesday, Feb. 4th I shall at once pursue the legal course to collect all taxes remaining unpaid. The time has arrived when the taxes must be paid.

IRA CAMPBELL, COL.

Business of all kind is looking up. Real estate, they say, is coming to the surface, and we know the mud is, on some of our roads. A land speculator visited these parts a few days ago to look at a farm "a little way back" in the country. He engaged a resident friend to drive him out to look at it. After wallowing through the mud for a mile or so the farm-fancier wanted to know "how much further" it was. Upon being informed it was "about a mile," they ploughed along in silence for a while, which was at length abruptly broken by the gentleman in search of a farm to cut up into plots: "Hold on, Mr. B., I guess you needn't go any further. I believe I've seen enough of that farm."

Messrs. E. Vanderpool and A. A. Smalley, of Newark, have purchased two fine lots from Dr. Jos. A. Davis, situated on the north side of Liberty street, west of Oakland avenue. These lots, which are probably the most eligible to be found in town, measure 80 by 270 feet, the consideration being \$5,000 each. It is the intention of the parties who have purchased to improve them by the erection of fine residences.

A special meeting of the Newark Common Council was held Wednesday night, to consider the report of a committee appointed to consider the subject of annexing Belleville, Bloomfield, the Oranges, etc. The committee reported adversely to the project of annexation and recommended instead that the city of Newark be set apart from the other part of Essex county and called the city and county of Newark.

There is a pressing demand for crosswalks at several points on Glenwood avenue. There should be at least two between the Centre and the Depot. West End people also have just cause of complaint on account of the bad walking from the depot to Linden avenue.

The ice prospect in this vicinity begins to look doubtful. Mr. W. B. Corby succeeded in housing about half a crop, before the recent soft snap, if we may be allowed the expression. The ice he has secured is of excellent quality, although but six inches in thickness.

A flagged sidewalk is greatly needed on the east side of Bloomfield avenue, from the Centre as far at least, as the corner of Belleville avenue. Probably all that is necessary to secure it is for somebody to move in the matter and get up the petition in accordance with the sidewalk law.

Postmaster Dodd should have the thanks of Bloomfielders for securing for them mails to and from New York direct. The mails now arrive at 8.45, A. M., and 5.45, P. M. The hours of closing remain the same as heretofore.

Families supplied with excellent oysters at the restaurant of John Archdeacon, adjoining the hotel.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The February number of Wood's HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE is really a marvel of what can be furnished for only one dollar a year; considering the cost and the quality this is probably the cheapest magazine published. Its articles have a chasteness about them which is not always found in periodical literature, which adapts it to fill a place now too largely occupied by cheap publications that are positively injurious to the young, without being exactly immoral. We have not room to specify the articles which fill the pages before us—but they are many and excellent. The magazine contains three engravings—a pretty house design—also the New York Fashions (illustrated) prepared expressly for the HOUSEHOLD by Mme. Demorest. The publisher announces that hereafter the magazine will always be illustrated. Subscriptions may begin with any number. Only one dollar a year, or with Chromo Yosemite, \$1.50. Address Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

The Story of the Stars, as told by Prof. R. A. Proctor and reproduced in the Tribune Extra, No. 9, forms the chief attraction of that deservedly popular scientific mirror of the times, just issued. The lecture on lunar theories is particularly interesting.

## MONTCLAIR ITEMS.

Efforts are being made to secure the services of Prof. Morse for a course of Scientific Lectures similar to those he has been delivering in Newark.

The Engine house of the D. L. & W. R. R. depot caught fire on Monday morning about 4.30 A. M. It was put out in a few minutes with but trifling damage.

Mr. Mockridge, who has leased the Romer property proposes to raise the building and fit it up for stores on the 1st floor. The old wagon shop is to be raised and enlarged and used as a carriage factory.

The Road Commissioners meet every Monday night, and the Town Committee every Tuesday night in their rooms, Jacobus Building.

## East Orange Library Association.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange Library Association recently held, it was decided that the Ladies' Library Aid Association be invited to co-operate with the Library Association and assist in the opening of the Library Rooms to the public. The building, which is situated on the southwest corner of Main and Grove streets, is well planned in all its details and is an ornament and pride to the town. The *Expositor* says: "It should cause the heart of every resident to beat with pride that we shall have a place where persons of literary tastes, who have not the means of gratifying them, will here be able to surround themselves with the productions of some of the ablest authors as well as the periodicals of the season, that are issued in our own and foreign countries. On the evening of the 29th, when the formal opening of the rooms will take place, those present will be invited to donate to the use of the library such things as may be useful. One or more books, for instance, or a subscription to either of the popular publications of the day, daily, weekly or monthly. The opening will be free to all who have invitation cards, which will be given out by the members of the Association."

## Essex County Teachers Association.

The next session of the Essex County Teachers' Association will be held in West Orange, in St. Mark's School House, on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 A. M. All interested in the subjects of education are invited to be present. Entertainments will be cordially provided for all. Discussion of the various subject upon programme will follow their presentation. The following will be the order of exercises:

Morning—The importance of our Public Schools; how shall their usefulness be increased? Rev. J. L. Danner, East Orange. Teachers' Institutes—Col. J. B. Baker, Principal of the Public School, East Orange.

Address, Orthography—Prof. C. M. Davis, A. M., County Superintendent.

Afternoon—Length of time for work in School, Rev. J. B. Harrison, Montclair.

Arithmetical Teaching—Prof. A. C. Agar, State Normal School, Trenton.

Language Teaching—John P. Gross, Principal High School, Montclair.

Reading of the Paper, by one of the Editors—T. A. Lillie, Principal Public School Verona.

## Jersey City Robbed.

Alexander D. Hamilton, City Treasurer of Jersey City, has absconded and taken with him a large amount of money belonging to the city. He left the city last Friday, stating that he was about to visit Trenton. His long absence from the city first gave rise to a suspicion, became intensified when it was found that, by a standing rule of the Board of Finance, the Treasurer had no right to absent himself from the city without the consent of the Board. No intelligence was received in relation to his whereabouts until Monday, when he telegraphed to his wife and one of his friends that he had been suddenly called to Boston on business of importance, but would return to this city on Tuesday night. An investigation revealed the fact that the absconding treasurer had taken with him \$50,000 in securities, together with his own personal bonds for the faithful performance of his duties. Mr. Hamilton is highly connected, his family being regarded as one of the best in the county. Both his father and father-in-law are men of wealth and influence. It is stated, however, that he has recently led a fast life and that his habits have been somewhat irregular.

As the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange were engaged in worship, last Sunday, about half-past eleven o'clock, smoke was seen issuing from around a register in one of the middle aisles, and it was discovered that the church was on fire. Mr. O. S. Carter, a member of the church, with great presence of mind seized a number of cushions from the seats and threw them over the register, smothering the fire and probably preventing a panic in the congregation, who left the building in a quiet, orderly manner, manifesting no signs of alarm or excitement. An alarm of fire was sounded from the tower of the Canfield street engine house, and the Fire Department were soon on the spot, but their services were not needed, as the fire was extinguished by the members of the congregation with a few pails of water.

A general resumption of the collieries in the Schuylkill region is expected to take place about the 2d of next month, when the demand will probably be livelier.

**THE AMERICAN PATRON.**—To those who desire to acquaint themselves with the objects and workings of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, or who may wish to establish a Grange in their neighborhood, we call attention to the prospectus of this paper. It gives all necessary information, and the best arguments in favor of the Farmers' Movement, besides a vast amount of Agricultural, Literary and Miscellaneous Reading Matter.

## Wied.

Wied—In Bloomfield, on the 25th inst., Katie Barton, youngest daughter of Edward G. and Sarah C. Ward, aged 1 year and 6 months.

## Special Notices.

**STATIONER,**  
BOOKSELLER AND PRINTER.  
Fullerton Ave.  
Montclair.

## Notice.

All persons holding bills against this Township are requested to present the same on or before Friday, February 15th, 1874, as no bills will be audited or paid after that date, during the fiscal year ending March 31. Bloomfield, N. J., Jan'y 20, 1874. By order of TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE. J. F. FOLSOM, CLERK.

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A sleigh, nearly new, runners of superior quality. Suitable for family or business purposes. Also a fur robe. Both articles at prices to suit the times. M. W. DODD.

## Lost.

In the vicinity of Bloomfield Center, a large, old fashioned fur cape. The finder will confer a great favor by returning it to Miss Margaret Weakley, or leaving word at this office, where it may be found.

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## Lost.

On the 1.47 P. M. train to Newark, Monday, an envelope addressed Michael Ward, containing \$26 in currency, the wages of a poor laboring man. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to the Depot Agent at Bloomfield.

## BLOOMFIELD MILLS.

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If you cannot get the genuine article, in our original packages, at your grocer's a line through the Post Office will bring it directly from the mills, fresh and pure. Put up in packages of convenient size for family use. J. T. POTTER, Bloomfield N. J.

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There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds, or Consumption, yet some die rather than pay 72 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Roscher's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures astonish every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to GEORGE R. DAVIS, Druggist, and get a sample bottle free of charge, or a regular size for 75 cts.

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Corner Bloomfield Ave. and Broad St.,  
BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

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Perfumery, Soaps, Fancy Articles,  
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**PATENT MEDICINES.**  
We guarantee that all  
**DRUGS AND MEDICINES**  
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Call and examine Goods and Prices.  
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